

**A child's
wish will
never come
true...**



**... if the child
is never born.**



**Sadly the Liberals,
Alliance, and NDP
will not protect the
innocent unborn**

DR. JIM PANKIW, MP

Health Care Priorities



A Fraser Institute study revealed that in 1999 the average waiting list time for referral to a specialist was 14 weeks, an MRI - 12 weeks, cancer treatment - 4.5 weeks.



In 2000, the average waiting time for an abortion in Canada was less than 4 weeks.



In 1998, Stats Can reported 110,223 abortions were performed. This number exceeds the combined total of Canadians who died from; heart disease, 42,870; cancer, 26,221; and stroke, 15,878.



0. - number of private clinics in Canada licensed by the provinces to perform elective cardiovascular surgery.
20. - number of private for profit clinics across Canada where abortion is paid for by taxpayers.



The Liberals and NDP support the use of private for profit clinics to perform abortions, but oppose the use of private clinics for procedures such as knee surgery.

“I don’t believe the Canadian Alliance should sponsor legislation on abortion or a referendum on abortion.”

Stephen Harper, March 22, 2002

“Simply stated, I believe abortion should be available without restriction...”

Jean Chretien, March 7, 1991

Abortion in Canada

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total	102,085	104,403	106,255	107,870	111,456	111,526	110,223
PEI(1)(2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NFLD	x	x	x	870	812	819	803
N.S.	x	x	x	2,268	2,264	2,213	2,240
N.B.	x	x	x	1,097	1,143	1,146	1,117
Que.	x	x	x	27,496	28,787	30,224	31,632
Ont.	x	x	x	46,174	47,024	44,118	42,503
Man.	x	x	x	3,476	3,741	3,729	3,553
Sask.(2)	x	x	x	1,816	1,810	1,802	1,779
Alta.	x	x	x	9,113	9,446	10,594	10,742
B.C.	x	x	x	15,189	16,007	16,501	15,459
Yk. (2)	x	x	x	130	169	134	145
NWT (2)	x	x	x	241	253	246	250

Source: Statistics Canada "Therapeutic Abortions by Province and Territory of Report," and *Therapeutic Abortions, 1995* (82-219-XPB).

X Data unavailable, not applicable or confidential.

1. Hospital abortions are not reported by Prince Edward Island.
2. Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories do not report private for profit clinic abortions.

Your opinion matters

Please take the time to let me know your thoughts about abortion in Canada. Just fill out the response card to the right and mail it, postage free, to my Ottawa office.



Dr. Jim Pankiw, MP

Regardless of the longstanding public debate over unfettered access to abortion, there is no question that Canadians overwhelmingly oppose the use of tax dollars to pay for the procedure. Indeed, a 1991 plebiscite in Saskatchewan found that 63% of voters did not want their tax dollars used to pay for medically unnecessary abortions. Polls consistently reveal this to be a prevailing sentiment, but provincial and federal politicians refuse to act.

For years, the NDP government of Saskatchewan and the federal Liberal government have refused to respect the wishes of voters on the issue of de-funding abortion. The Canadian Alliance is also opposed to addressing the situation. Their collective inaction stems from a singular lack of political will, and cowardice in standing up to taxpayer funded lobby groups who oppose giving Canadians a say in the matter.

For those politicians not afraid to ‘tell it like it is’, and committed to respecting the views of constituents, it is a frustrating situation. In this regard, I tabled a Private Members Bill, C-452, which seeks to have the issue of de-funding medically unnecessary abortions put before Canadian voters in a national referendum at the time of the next federal election.

I invite you to review the information provided and tell me what you think by completing the attached questionnaire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.K. Pankiw".

